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Pennsylvania Society for Respiratory Care, Inc.

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Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Review Commission 333 Market St, 14th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Commissioners:

The Pennsylvania Society for Respiratory Care (PSRC) is the professional association for 7,000 respiratory therapists licensed in the Commonwealth. We have learned that the final form of regulations $\frac{\#16A-4930: Physician Assistants and Respiratory Therapists}{Physician Assistants and Respiratory Therapists}$ and $\frac{\#16A-5321}{Physician Assistants and Respiratory Therapists}$ were submitted to the IRRC on October 29, 2013.

The PSRC worked closely with both the State Board of Medicine and State Board of Osteopathic Medicine to draft the regulations and fully support the final form regulations. Our members have been waiting since the bills' passage in 2008 for finalized regulations and hope to see them published in the PA Bulletin as soon as possible.

If the PSRC can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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